



# RESEARCH PROJECT IN NEUROSCIENCE

## ADVANCE STEM Research grant program Call for Applications

The Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST), Apkarian Foundation (AF), and Yerevan State Medical University (YSMU) are launching the inaugural **Neuroscience Research Project** within the [ADVANCE STEM Research grant program](#). This unprecedented opportunity aims to enhance and accelerate neuroscience research in Armenia with the objective of training the next generation of internationally recognized, highly-impactful biomedical researchers.

The Program will create **two fully-funded PhD positions in Neuroscience at the YSMU**. The two students competitively selected for the PhD program will enroll in the ADVANCE grant program and benefit from exceptional resources and educational opportunities. The PhD students will be supervised by a **local Senior Researcher**, and a renowned **international Principal Investigator**.

### What the program offers

- An opportunity to conduct cutting-edge scientific research using state of the art technology and tools provided by the YSMU "COBRAIN" Scientific-Educational Center for Fundamental Brain Research
- Direct research supervision and career advancement by Armenia-based and international Principal Investigators
- Fully-funded research supplies and materials, unique training and networking opportunities, stipends to present and attend local and international research conferences
- Travel and accommodations to the international PI's lab abroad
- Monthly stipend of 500 USD
- Additional incentives for excellence, such as publications in high impact factor journals

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## Eligibility and Selection

Applications will be accepted from motivated candidates who have completed Master's degree in Medicine, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physiology or have a qualification of MD; and plan to apply for a PhD program in 2021 to **pursue a career of biomedical research as a neuroscientist**. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of **merit** by the **executive committee** consisting of Armenian and international scientists. The finalists will be invited for an interview with the executive committee. Once the two PhD students are selected, they will start their PhD studies at YSMU and become junior researchers in the Neuroscience Project of the ADVANCE grant.

## How to apply

To apply, interested candidates should submit an [online application](#) by **September 19, 2021** attaching to it the supporting documents listed below. Please note, that by the mentioned deadline the hard copies of supporting documents should be presented to the YSMU Science Division: Scientific Personnel Training Department.

- Research proposal in the field of autism, Alzheimer's disease, or stroke
- Statement of Motivation
- Letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency certificate (TOEFL IBT - 70, IELTS - 6.5)
- Higher education diploma and its annexes
- List of publications
- Curriculum vitae or resume

## Contact

Got a question? We are happy to help! Please get in touch with us:

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